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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Application Branch

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

PROCESS FOR JOINING HOLLOW
SECTION STRIPS BY WELDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (amended) Process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ends of the hollow section strip(s) (1) are moved so close to one another during the welding process that the edges (7) touch one another.--

[Amend claim 4 as follows:]

--4. (amended) Process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the edges (7) are produced by machining at least one wall of the hollow section strip(s) (1).--

[Amend claim 5 as follows:]